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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FORMAL DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 18, line 4, paragraph 2: Please amend as follows:

Figs. 2A-2G: Alignment of consensus sequences designed for each subgroup amino acid residues are shown with their standard one-letter abbreviation). (2A-2B) kappa sequences, (2C-2D) lambda sequences and (2E-2G), heavy chain sequences. The positions are numbered according to Kabat (1991). In order to maximize homology in the alignment, gaps (-) have been introduced in the sequence at certain positions.

Fage 18, line 10, paragraph 3: Please amend as follows:

Figs. 3A-3K: Gene sequences of the synthetic V kappa consensus genes. The corresponding amino acid sequences (see Figs. 2A-2B) as well as the unique cleavage sites are also shown.

Page 18, line 13, paragraph 4: Please amend as follows:

Figs. 4A-4I: Gene sequences of the synthetic V lambda consensus genes. The corresponding amino acid sequences (see Figs. 2C-2D) as well as the unique cleavage sites are also shown.

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